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Tax Credit Deadline Approaches for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer EMS

Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer EMS Must Apply by Dec. 15 to Receive a Real Estate Tax Credit up to \$250

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County reminds active volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS who reside in the county to apply for a real estate tax credit by Thursday, Dec. 15. Under the Real Estate Tax Credit Ordinance that the county commissioners passed in July, volunteers may be eligible for a tax credit up to \$250.

This tax credit for volunteers provides financial incentives in the form of credits against Cumberland County Real Estate Tax, excluding the Library Tax. Volunteers need to apply every year to take advantage of the tax credit. Firefighters and EMS volunteers in good standing for at least six months during the time-period of Jan. 1 through Nov. 30, 2022 are encouraged to apply.

Active volunteers who were injured during a response to an emergency call and can no longer serve as an active volunteer because of an injury, are eligible for the tax credit for the succeeding five tax years.

To receive the real estate tax credit, volunteers must submit a copy of their paid real estate tax receipt that has been verified by their tax collector and a completed and signed [tax credit application](#) to the Cumberland County Commissioners Office by Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022.

Cumberland County is the first county in the state to implement an ordinance providing a real estate tax credit for active firefighters and EMS volunteers. The tax credit ordinance acknowledges the value and dedication of our volunteers while helping to retain and attract new volunteers. The county calls upon the other 66 counties in Pennsylvania to adopt a tax credit for their firefighters and EMS volunteers.

Additional information about the tax credit can be found at cumberlandcountypa.gov/5023.

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